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Arson behind Slave Lake fire

► Total fire damage pegged at \$700M ► Many residents who lost their homes will be spending winter in temporary mobile homes

Dwayne Verschoor can't imagine why someone would have wanted to spark a forest fire that nearly wiped out his small Alberta town.

But the Slave Lake resident wants the culprit caught and punished.

"The most you can do would be put him in jail," said Verschoor. "I would string him up on Main Street — but we're supposed to be civilized people."

The Alberta government announced yesterday that an unknown arsonist recklessly or deliberately ignited the raging forest fire that reduced a third of Slave Lake to rubble on May 15. The blaze destroyed 400 homes and businesses and left 2,000 people homeless.

Frank Oberle, minister of sustainable resources, said the file has been turned over to the RCMP.

"It's extremely disappointing

Alberta fires

► **Causes.** Government stats show there are about 1,500 forest fires each year in Alberta. One-third are caused by lightning and the other two-thirds are accidentally sparked by humans.

► **Arson.** In the past five years, arson was linked to 25 forest fires in the province.

and my heart goes out to the people that lost homes or property," Oberle told a news conference.

"This further exacerbates that."

He said his investigators have ruled out all other possible causes for the fire. He wouldn't say how they've definitively ruled out that the blaze wasn't set accidentally, such as by a careless camper failing to properly extinguish a fire.

"Our investigation eliminated

all natural, industrial or accidental causes."

Oberle said investigators have determined where the fire started, but he wouldn't give the co-ordinates because the scene is now part of a criminal investigation. He also wouldn't describe the area — whether it was near a campsite or deep in the bush.

"We know there was no lightning at that site, no power-line malfunction and no campfire located at that site, so a process of elimination gets us to the only reasonable conclusion."

The minister wouldn't say if there was forensic evidence found at the scene to suggest arson, but added that a deliberately set forest fire is "relatively rare." A spokesman for the department later clarified that there is some forensic evidence, but refused to elaborate.

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► A helicopter dumps water on the smouldering remains of a fire on May 29 along Highway 44 leading to Slave Lake.



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Review needed in Occupy situation: Ald.

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Results of a new survey and perceived inaction by city officials have a Calgary alderman calling for an immediate shutdown of two Occupy camps and a comprehensive review of what led to the situation.

Ald. Diane Colley-Urquhart released findings of a survey on her website yesterday that show little favour for Occupy Calgary camps established last month at Olympic Plaza and St. Patrick's Island.

About 68 per cent of respondents believe the group has no right to occupy a public space in the first place and majority support was found for shutting down both camps (71 per cent in the case of the plaza camp and 51 per cent for the island group).

In all, 871 responses were submitted over two days.

"I think it's pretty clear that Calgarians are fed up with this," Colley-Urquhart said. "We certainly need to do a thorough review of all

of our bylaws now as a result of this incident but I think we also need to really closely examine the role of (Calgary Emergency Management Agency)."

The agency has taken the lead on finding common ground with the occupiers but has deflected the calls of some to forcibly remove the groups.

Occupy plaza member Sheehan Herlein deemed those responding negatively to his group in the survey "ignorant" and said



► Occupy Calgary camps have one alderman calling for a sweeping review of city bylaws and the agency overseeing negotiations with the group.

the group has accomplished two major goals: Establishing better organi-

zation at the camp and setting up a whiteboard to list upcoming group meetings.

Grand entrance for baby Augustina

► Labour began around 5 a.m. ► Baby born shortly after 8 a.m. in van

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Cars whizzing by during rush-hour traffic didn't faze Mirjam and Kresten Rasmussen as they pulled over on the side of Glenmore Trail yesterday morning — the couple had something a little more urgent on their mind.

With labour progressing quickly, they were on their way to the hospital from Langdon when Mirjam told Kresten to pull over immediately.

"I was pushing and she was coming and I was telling Kresten to pull over," said Mirjam, 25.

Kresten said he was "in the zone" and hardly noticed the traffic as he steered their Dodge Caravan to the shoulder.

"I just pulled over and

A roadside birth

- Augustina weighed seven pounds, two ounces and was 20 inches long.
- Stuart Brideaux of Calgary EMS said they deal with pregnancy-related emergencies on an almost-daily basis but said roadside births are relatively rare.

pretty much caught the baby almost," said Kresten, 26.

With help from the 911 call taker, Kresten used his shoelace to tie the umbilical cord and the couple wrapped their baby girl with towels. After few hours at the hospital, the couple was able to take baby Augustina home. When asked if they plan to have more children, Mirjam responded: "We'd like a couple more but not in a van."



► Kresten and Mirjam Rasmussen hold their baby girl Augustina at the Rockyview General Hospital. Augustina was delivered yesterday in their van near the intersection of Glenmore Trail and 84 Street Southeast.

Man offered sex acts to stop beatings, court hears

A man the Crown alleges was tortured by his former roommate says he was beaten so viciously he thought he was going to die and he submitted to performing sex acts in the hope that would make the attacks stop. "Personally, I thought it was disgusting. I was in survival mode," the man,

who can't be named, told court yesterday. "I would do anything not to get beaten anymore." It was his second day testifying at the trial of Dustin Paxton, who pleaded not guilty to charges of aggravated assault, sexual assault and forcible confinement.

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► Dustin Paxton

News in brief

Father deemed fit for trial

Experts have deemed a Calgary father accused of slashing his baby boy fit to stand trial. The 32-year-old man, who cannot be named to protect his child, allegedly slashed his 11-month-old son at their Cranston home ear-

lier this year. ● METRO

Power line near Edmonton OK'd

Alberta's energy regulator has approved a controversial new power line to run around the eastern edge of Edmonton. The Heartland Transmission line will provide power for growing businesses in the refinery sector northeast of the Alberta capital.

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Police bust credit-card scam lab

Police have laid charges against a man and a woman in relation to a credit-card-skimming lab.

Curtis Douglas Keller, 19, and Amanda McHugh de Bakker, 18, are facing a total of 15 charges following a search warrant execution in the 0-100 block of Millrise Drive Southwest.

According to police, computers, printers, blank prepaid credit cards, embossing machines and false credit cards were among the items found in the residence.

The charges facing Keller range from fraud under \$5,000 to possession of credit card data. Amongst the charges against Bakker are possession of cocaine and possession of a counterfeit mark belonging to the government.

Further charges are expected. ● KATIE TURNER

Underpass opens

Traffic congestion around the Saddledome will be lessened for Calgarians, according to Calgary Flames president Ken King, following the opening of 4th Street underpass.

The four-lane, \$70-million underpass will connect Olympic Way Southeast at 11th Avenue with 4th Street at 9th Avenue Southeast.

"It's tough to get to and it's tough to get away from,

1.8 Ken King said there are **1.8 million people who pass through the Saddledome annually.**

and I think this is a really valuable and important initiative," said King, following the official opening. King said he was looking forward to seeing how the new corridor helps Flames fans get to and from the Dome. ● KATIE TURNER

Cops to swarm city this week

More than 1,000 international law-enforcement officers will be in Calgary this week for the Law Enforcement Torch Run conference. Over three days, they will seek to find ways to raise money for Special Olympics. ● METRO

No evidence in fire that killed boy

Officials say they will likely never know the cause of a fire near Chestermere that killed 10-year-old Jordan Keeler last month. According to reports, the fire was so intense that any evidence was destroyed.

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Choosy students better brown-bag it

► Some child-friendly products are among those banned in elementary schools ► Nutritionist deems the tiered approach 'a little extreme'



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Yogurt tubes, cheese strings, fruit bars and chocolate milk are some of the items on the chopping block for Calgary elementary students as the public board introduces probably the toughest ban on junk-food sales in schools.

Students in grades 1 to 6 will now only be able to purchase products defined by Alberta Health Services as being in the "choose most often" category. The tiered approach will then see older students able to purchase some items from the "choose sometimes" category.

Cathy Faber, superintendent for learning innovations with the Calgary Board of Education, said specifics of the ban came only after extensive consultation with health experts.

"We have attempted to be as vigilant and diligent and responsive as we can," she said.

Local nutritionist Andree Holwegner was surprised to learn of the restrictions for Calgary's youngest students.

"Picky eating is such a challenge for kids in general," she said. "Taking



► Vegetables and fruits, like bananas, are still on the menu, but Calgary schools are planning to remove numerous foods deemed to have low nutritional value in the new year.

away some of those really popular — and I would say fairly nutritionally dense — foods like cheese and yogurt tubes, it's a little extreme in my mind."

Faber pointed out that students will still be able to bring whatever foods they wish to school, as the ban only covers items being sold by the institution.

By comparison, Ed-

Junk-free start

- The Calgary Board of education junk food sale ban comes into effect Jan. 1.
- The food-restriction ratio evolves for students as they progress into junior

high, where 60 per cent of products sold will fall under the "choose most often" category and 40 per cent under the "choose sometimes" group.

- In high school, that ratio moves to 50-50.

monton's public board introduced a junk-food ban in the fall that banned only foods falling in the

"choose least often" category, which is reserved for items like chips and chocolate bars.

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No room to swing a laptop

► U of C students, administration, union trying to resolve space crunch



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University of Calgary officials are working to free up study space on campus as students claim they are squeezed into every nook and cranny.

Metro reported last month that hundreds were planning a protest on Nov. 10 after MacKimmie Library was closed. The old

tower was replaced with the Taylor Family Digital Library, which many students say has substantially fewer study spaces.

Not so, university provost Dru Marshall said yesterday, noting there are 1,800 study spaces in the new building compared to about 1,640 in the old one.

"Maybe it's not the kind of space (students) are looking for," she said. "We will continue discussing

this with them."

The university also opened 400 new study carrels last month, including 200 in the new library.

Despite these efforts, students say space is still at a premium.

"It's the worst I have ever seen it," said Humza Sheikh, a third-year geology major, as he searched, without success, for some free space at the library yesterday.

Fellow student Sartaj Hundal, who started a group on Facebook pleading for MacKimmie to reopen, acknowledged the university's efforts but said the protest is going ahead as planned.

"There are still students sprawled out all over the hallways," he said. "There are still issues like the number of available computers.... Not everyone can afford a laptop."

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Getting messy for a good cause

Julien says he plans to use the leftovers for this year's Pumpkins for Prostate pie-making fundraiser.

Manipulation is key in sex trade

► Police investigator says relationship is exploitative



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METRO CANADA IN WINNIPEG

A mind for business, a measure of online savvy and a mendacious ability to manipulate using influence, not force.

These are among the attributes some who operate illegal sex-trade enterprises share, a report authored by a veteran Winnipeg police morals unit investigator suggests.

For more than a decade, Sgt. Gene Bowers has been the city's go-to expert for

police when it comes to probing Winnipeg's sex-trade underworld.

The Crown requested Bowers file a statement of opinion regarding the case of a woman awaiting sentencing for running a bawdy house in Winnipeg.

Soldier killed in Afghan blast brought home

The first Canadian soldier to die in Afghanistan since Canada ended its combat role in the war-torn country was returned to home soil yesterday.

Bagpipes played as the flag-draped coffin bearing Master Cpl. Byron Greff was carried across the tarmac at the Canadian Forces Base in Trenton, in eastern Ontario, and placed into a waiting hearse.

The soldier's widow, pushing her newborn daughter in a stroller, walked over to the hearse and placed two roses on the coffin. Her young son Kellar was then lifted up so he could add his own rose.



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► Kellar, Byron Greff's son, carries a flower to his father's casket.

The youngster put an arm around his mother's waist as other family members paid their respects.

In Greff's hometown of Lacombe, Alta., hundreds of yellow ribbons were tied around posts in the community north of Red Deer.

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Training mission

The Edmonton-based soldier was one of 17 people killed Saturday by a suicide bomber in Kabul. He served with the Third Battalion of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.

► Master Cpl. Greff was among the 900 Canadian soldiers in Afghanistan as part of a mission to train military personnel in that country until 2014.

► His death brings the number of Canadian soldiers killed as a result of Canada's involvement in Afghanistan to 158.

6th suspicious package found at party store

Bomb-squad robots were back at work at a Toronto costume store yesterday after two more suspicious packages were found at the business, bringing the total to six.

Police say officers checking Amazing Party and Costume found the sixth package around noon.

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Cancer our biggest killer: StatsCan

A new report says cancer and heart disease were responsible for just over half of Canada's 238,617 deaths in 2008.

And Statistics Canada reports cancer was the leading cause of death in every province and territory for the first time.

Cancer accounted for 30 per cent of all deaths in 2008. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Canadian, family freed from Saudi jail

A Canadian man, his wife and two young children have been released after spending more than a month in a Saudi Arabian prison.

A senior government official says Majeed Uddin Ahmed and his family have been released on bail and given 25 days to leave Saudi Arabia.

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► They've spent 520 days 'travelling' to Mars and back ► On Nov. 4, the European Space Agency's astronauts will touch down on Earth again ► Their experiences in simulating a manned voyage in Moscow will help space agencies plan humankind's first real Mars mission

Mars pioneers land in Moscow

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN LONDON

"I'll go outside and take a big breath enjoying the warmth of the sun!" That's Romain Charles talking about his arrival on Nov. 4. It doesn't matter that he'll land in Moscow, which has almost no sun at this time of the year. Charles has spent the past 520 days travelling to Mars in a space capsule — with no sun.

Charles, a 31-year-old Frenchman, and Diego Urbina, a 26-year-old Italian, form the nucleus of the Mars500 crew. On June 3 last year, they began a simulated Mars journey, conducted in Moscow by the European Space Agency.

"There aren't any extreme effects on our bodies, except the effects of the lack of sun on your skin and our physical fitness, which needs a lot of work because one doesn't move a lot in a space capsule," Urbina tells Metro in an email conveyed by ESA Mission Control.

"There are many subtle but important details that will probably come to light when we analyze the data, like gastrointestinal effects and a weakening of our immune system."

Though Charles and Urbina haven't left Moscow, their journey is crucial. "The farthest humans have been is the moon, and that mission took a week," notes ESA astronaut Christer Fuglesang. "Going to Mars takes 18 months. The re-

sults from Mars500 will be used in development of hardware. And we've learned about the psychological effects of being together in an enclosed space for so long."

Charles and Urbina have been accompanied by a relay of three crews. The astronauts carry out scientific experiments, grow food and have conducted walks on Mars, all the while communicating with mission control.

Indeed, establishing patterns of communication with a crew up to 400 million kilometres away is one of the purposes of Mars500. So is learning exactly what's required on an 18-month trip with no stops.

"If we're going to Mars ... we have to capture the carbon dioxide in the astronauts' breath."

CHRISTER FUGLESANG

"Astronauts already recycle almost all of their waste, but if we're going to Mars we have to recycle even more," notes Fuglesang. "For example, we have to capture the carbon dioxide in the astronauts' breath."

Equipped with the results from Mars500, space agencies could launch a Mars mission within several years.

The technology is already available.

The question facing politicians is: Is Mars worth the expense?



► V means victory, Martians! Diego Urbina performs a walk on a simulated Mars.

60 seconds



► Clement

DRY RUN FOR REAL MISSION

Gilles Clement, professor of space life sciences, International Space University

What's the real purpose of Mars500?

It's an experiment to see how the human body and psychology react to 18 months in space isolation, and the effect of such long isolation on food, water and medicines. It's also a

science experiment; the astronauts are carrying out research on board. Lastly, it's a dry run for a real Mars mission. We have to be absolutely certain that we've thought of everything before we send people to Mars.

Can we go to Mars now?

Yes. The technology isn't very different from going to the moon. The problem is that it takes many months to even arrive on Mars. Astronauts have spent six months on the ISS, but how will astronauts deal with being together in a tiny capsule 24 hours a day for that long? And we have to figure out how to deal with the 20-minute communication delays from Mars. For example, what should the astronauts do if they have to wait 40 minutes to get an answer from the doctor on Earth? ● ELISABETH BRAW



► The crew in a kung fu mood.

Fighting boredom during long flight

Romain Charles, Diego Urbina and three changing crews spend their days the same way a Mars astronaut would: Living in a small space, carrying out research and conducting Mars walks. Then there's the spare time.

"It can get way boring if you let (the) monotony get the best of you," reports Urbina. "Communications aren't live when we are far from Earth, and when we are close enough to Earth to have live communication, unlike the ISS, we don't have an Internet connection or the possibility of calling home."



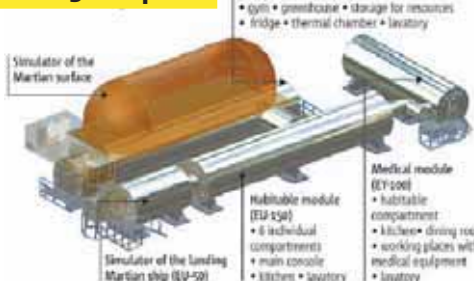
► Urbina

Instead the crew reads books, plays music and watches movies.

"Every once in a while — a crew favourite — we play computer games on the local network," Urbina said.

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A black day for white-collar criminals

Fraudsters found guilty of white-collar crimes in Canada now face tougher sentences and penalties.

Ottawa officially introduced tougher rules yesterday to deal with Ponzi schemers and white-collar fraudsters, part of just-adopted Tory legislation first tabled in 2009.

Stiffer penalties include: A mandatory two-year prison sentence for fraud over \$1 million.

Financial restitution for victims.

Latitude for a judge to stiffen a sentence because of aggravating factors.

"This legislation stands up for victims of fraud and

"Individuals who perpetrate fraud will face sentences that match the severity of their crimes."

ROB NICHOLSON

makes it easier for them to seek the restitution that

they deserve," said Justice Minister Rob Nicholson.

The legislation will require judges to consider restitution and require a guilty party to repay victims. Those found guilty could also be barred from ever handling people's money again.

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► Angelina, left, and Angelica Sabuco are cuddled by mom Ginady Sabuco a day before the complex operation that separated them.

Surgeons give twins new lives

► Conjoined girls are separated in complex day-long operation

Angelina and Angelica Sabuco have just been given new lives — apart.

In the two years since they were born, the twin girls have been joined at the chest and abdomen.

But yesterday doctors at Stanford University's children's hospital in California separated them in a remarkable day-long operation.

The surgery on the two Philippines-born tots was expected to take nine hours. More than 20 doctors and nurses were taking part.

By mid-afternoon, hospital spokesperson Reena Mukamal announced the girls had been separated and

moved to their own operating rooms for the second phase of the procedure — reconstructing the area where they were connected.

Mukamal said doctors were pleased with the progress of the surgery so far. The complex operation involved cutting along the girls' skin and muscle and separating their diaphragms and livers.

Severing the liver was going to be the riskiest part of the procedure because of potential blood loss, said lead surgeon Dr. Gary Hartman before the operating room drama began.

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"We want them to live normally. When they argue, they can be alone. When they play, they can play together or apart. When they don't want to see each other, they won't have to."

GINADY SABUCO, MOTHER

More extreme weather awaits us in the future

► Scientists say heat waves could peak at as much as 5 degrees hotter by mid-century and even 9 degrees hotter by the end of the century

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► A jack-o'-lantern in North Bergen, N.J., is covered with snow following a rare October snowstorm that hit northern parts of the state over the weekend.

Freakish weather disasters — from the sudden October snowstorm in the Northeast U.S. to the record floods in Thailand — are striking more often. And global warming is likely to spawn more similar weather extremes at a huge cost, says a draft summary of an international climate report obtained by The Associated Press.

The final draft of the report from a panel of the world's top climate scientists paints a wild future for a world already weary of weather catastrophes costing billions of dollars. The report says costs will rise and perhaps some locations will become "increasingly marginal as places to live."

The report from the Nobel Prize-winning Intergovernmental Panel on

Climate Change will be issued in a few weeks, after a meeting in Uganda. It says there is at least a 2-in-3 probability that climate extremes have already worsened because of man-made greenhouse gases.

This marks a change in climate science from focusing on subtle changes in daily average temperatures to concentrating on the harder-to-analyze freak events that grab headlines, cause economic damage and kill people. The most recent bizarre weather extreme, the pre-Halloween snowstorm in the U.S., is typical of the damage climate scientists warn will occur — but it's not typical of the events they tie to global warming.

"The extremes are a really noticeable aspect of cli-

80 There's an 80 per cent chance that the killer Russian heat wave of 2010 wouldn't have happened without the added push of global warming, according to a study published last week in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

mate change," said Jerry Meehl, senior scientist at the National Center for Atmospheric Research. "I think people realize that the extremes are where we are going to see a lot of the impacts of climate change."

The snow-bearing Nor'easter cannot be blamed on climate change and probably isn't the type of storm that will increase with global warming, four

meteorologists and climate scientists said. They agree more study is needed. But experts on extreme storms have focused more closely on the increasing numbers of super-heavy rainstorms, not snow, NASA climate scientist Gavin Schmidt said.

The opposite kind of disaster — the drought in Texas and the Southwest U.S. — is also the type of event scientists are saying will happen more often as the world warms, said Schmidt and Meehl, who reviewed part of the climate panel report. No studies have specifically tied global warming to the drought, but it is consistent with computer models that indicate current climate trends will worsen existing droughts, Meehl said.

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Report says rainstorms to increase

By the end of the century, the intense, single-day, heavy rainstorms that now typically happen only

once every 20 years are likely to happen about twice a decade, the report says.

The report said hurricanes and other tropical cyclones — like 2005's Katrina — are likely to get stronger in wind speed but won't increase in

number and may actually decrease. Massachusetts Institute of Technology meteorology professor Kerry Emanuel, who studies climate's effects on hurricanes, disagrees and believes more of these intense storms will occur.

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"In the U.S., this has been the weirdest weather year we've had for my 30 years, hands down."

ANDREW WEAVER, UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA CLIMATE SCIENTIST

China seizes fake drugs worth \$30M

Police in central China's Henan province arrested 114 people in a crackdown on a counterfeit drugs ring, seizing \$30 million worth of fake medications and more than 65 million medicine bottles.

The reports yesterday came as a top U.S. Food and Drug Administration official, Dara Corrigan, was visiting Shanghai to discuss the importance of safe drugs and China's role as a major supplier to the U.S. market.

China's increasing importance as a pharmaceuticals producer has ratcheted up concern over a slew of scandals over fake, adulterated and otherwise unsafe drugs — especially given the thriving market in mail-order medications.

80 With more than 80 per cent of the active pharmaceutical ingredients used in the U.S. coming from overseas, and 40 per cent of all finished medicines — collaboration on safety is critical, said Dara Corrigan, who oversees the FDA's inspections.

The FDA has met with representatives of shipping companies in hopes of coming up with new strategies to help reduce risks from such purchases. "It's not just drugs but dietary products that can have all sorts of things in them," she said. "Limiting risk in that area is a big challenge."

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THAI FLOODS

Elephants stranded for weeks

A group of elephants are facing a second month cut off by floods in the submerged Thai city of Ayutthaya, stranded on a small concrete island at an animal shelter just a few metres wide.

The group of 17 includes seven pachyderms under four years

old who were too small to flee when the rest of their nearly 90-strong herd escaped approaching floodwaters that engulfed this historic city north of Bangkok more than a month ago.

"The big elephants are able to wade through the water themselves," 24-year-old keeper Pat Parinnam said. "But the babies are too small for the mothers to lead them out and the water's too high, meaning the babies could drown."

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That's it.

I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take it anymore.

Today, the news wires are clogged with the pathetic denouement of the Kardashian

marriage. Kim, famous for nothing, dissolved her \$10-million wedding 72 days after she and collateral damage Kris Humphries collected a cool \$17.8 million for royalties from the vastly overblown event.

How do I know all this? All I had to do was go to my home page, iGoogle, and there were 2,968 Kardashian stories available for my edification.

At the same time Syria put land mines along the border with Lebanon, but that was a real yawner warranting a mere 360 articles. Do the math. That's 10 times more articles about Kim Kardashian than impending war between Syria and Lebanon.

This much ado about nothing comes at a time when journalists are whining about how our precious profession is being twittered to death by ducks. The truth is, what's really killing the news is a serious overdose of Kim Kardashian.

Of course, there wouldn't be any Kim Kardashian news if the public didn't want it. What's wrong with you people? Had enough of Jennifer Aniston?

Still, I wonder about all those otherwise grownup professionals who filed copy about the world's foremost phoney and her feckless boy-toy. It reminds me of the Richard Brautigan poem I Feel Horrible. She Doesn't: "I wander around the house like a sewing machine that's just finished sewing a turd to a garbage can lid."

As a protest against this outrage against humanity, I will Occupy the Internet until it stops.

I don't want to hear any more mealy mouthed arguments for "celebrity" journalism and "reality" TV, the Kardashian spawning ground.

I don't want to hear any more nonsense about how journalism is threatened by technology or the Mayan Calendar or global warming. It's threatened by bad choices. All we have to do is stop writing about Kim Kardashian. And other pointless phenomena.

I'm OK with confining Justin Bieber and Jennifer Aniston to the entertainment pages, although the actual form of entertainment has yet to be determined. But enough about Kim Kardashian's \$10-million phoney marriage, which could feed the one billion people on this planet who go hungry every night. That's just wrong.

I know, it's hard to Occupy the Internet, as that's the whole point of the Internet. There's no there there. But that doesn't stop Kim Kardashian, who does it every day.

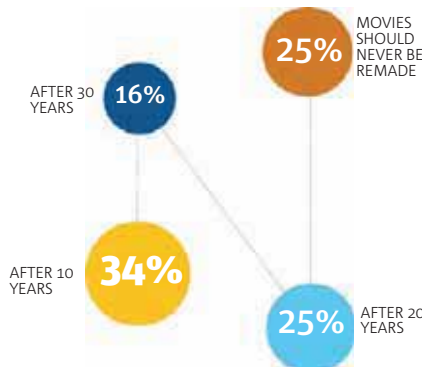
So it won't stop me either. This is my tent. I'm staying until they drag me away.

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How soon is too soon to remake a film?



Letters

Human sexuality is a wonderful and complex phenomenon and we can't always easily answer questions like "Am I gay?" or "Am I bisexual?" without deeper introspection. If you have identified your sexual orientation, and you are gay or lesbian, you may be struggling to come to terms with it.

In Dr. Richard Niolon's coming-out process he identifies five stages a person can follow:

1. Self-recognition as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender (LGBT).
2. Disclosure to others.
3. Socialization with other LGBT.
4. Positive self-identification.
5. Integration and acceptance, where you are open about your sexuality to yourself, even if you prefer being discreet about it.

The most difficult part of this five-step program is Step 1 — acknowledging and accepting your sexual orientation.

While the Canadian law is extremely supportive of gay and lesbian rights, in the end, psychological and emotional support are equally important.

ALEX SANGHA
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► This photo titled **No Man is an Island** was submitted to the Relationships category by Louise Bourgeois from Ottawa.

photo of the day

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WEIRD NEWS

Resorts have gone to the dogs

You are spending the holidays with Aunt Nellie in Kansas. Your dog will be staying in a hotel suite called Neiman Barcus with a flat-screen TV. There might be surf lessons, catered meals, a massage, pawdicure, spa bath and photo shoot.

Boarding your pet has changed a lot over the past decade. If money is no object, there is no end to the extravagances you can order for your pet. The Barkley Pet Hotel & Day Spa — which really does have a Neiman Barcus suite — is a one-of-a-kind animal funhouse

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► Yorkshire terrier
Betsey Johnson

in Westlake Village, northwest of Los Angeles. You can rent a Serenity Suite for \$44 a night or reserve a storefront suite on Rodeo Drive or Hollywood Boulevard (they start at \$72.50 a night). Add-ons include day-camp sessions, limousine pickup and delivery, surf lessons, charm school, a mud mask, obedience training, holiday fur-dyeing and filet mignon.

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Canuck auto sales are up, but not by much: Analyst

Automakers saw healthy Canadian sales growth last month as consumers appeared ready to shop for vehicles again after a slow September.

Canadian vehicle sales were up 2.1 per cent to 125,680 vehicles in October compared to 123,154 a year earlier, according to DesRosiers Automotive. That compared to a 0.4 per cent annual decline in September.

It has been an uneven year for automakers — one that is expected to finish with slightly higher sales than last year.

Consumer confidence has been shaky over fears the global economy could sink back into another recession, while rising oil and gas prices have been taking a bigger toll on finances.

Japanese automakers have also faced inventory shortages and production constraints since the earth-

quake and tsunami hit the island country in March.

Sales in Canada for the first 10 months of the year are up about 1.5 per cent at 1.3 million units.

"The reality is that, because our market is now back to a normal healthy level, that we're not going to get much in terms of sharp gains from here," said Scotiabank auto analyst Carlos Gomes.

Pent-up demand helped October sales for the Japanese automakers as drivers waiting for popular models were able to buy them as inventories improved. Gomes believes that incentive programs also helped to boost sales last month.

GM Canada managed to beat both Ford and Chrysler last month, though Ford Canada remains the top-selling automaker in the country so far this year.

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Comparing notes

- **GM Canada:** Nine per cent growth from last October, with 19,542 vehicles sold.
- **Ford Canada:** October sales fell 2.4 per cent to 19,190 units from a year earlier.
- **Toyota Canada:** Sales up three per cent, to 14,980 for October.
- **Honda Canada:** Sales fell 13 per cent year-over-year to 11,232 vehicle.
- **Kia Canada Inc.:** Sales up 15.4 per cent from a year ago to 5,180.
- **Volvo Cars of Canada Corp.:** Sales up 13 per cent to 490.
- **BMW Group Canada:** 2,863 retails in October, an increase of 1.1 per cent over October 2010.
- **Subaru Canada:** Monthly sales fell 4.8 per cent to 2,314 vehicles.
- **Hyundai Canada:** Sold 10,242 vehicles, a 12.1 per cent increase from a year ago.

Google's ebook store enters market

Google launched its ebooks platform in Canada yesterday, providing more competition for retailers

Amazon and Kobo.

Titles purchased at the Google ebooks store will be stored online and accessible on a variety of devices, including Android and Apple tablets and smartphones, PCs and compatible e-readers such as the Kobo, Barnes & Noble's

Nook and Sony's Reader.

Hundreds of thousands of titles will be available for purchase at Google's store, in addition to more than two million public-domain books available for free, the company said in a release.

The Google store also boasts partnerships with publishers including Penguin, Random House, HarperCollins, House of Anansi, Dundurn and McGill Queens University Press.

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► Protesters dressed as prisoners gathered outside the Greek parliament in Athens yesterday during an event against the government's proposed austerity measures.



Greek bailout referendum throws Europe for a loop

- Opposition has called for prime minister to resign
- Emergency talks arranged by Germany and France

Greece's prime minister held firm early yesterday to his shock decision to call for a referendum on a hard-fought European debt deal, despite anger from abroad, market turmoil across the world and dissent from within his own party.

George Papandreou's government still faced a battle for survival, with a vote of confidence scheduled for Friday and a grilling from frustrated European leaders expected later today ahead of the Group of 20 summit in Cannes.

After a gruelling seven-hour cabinet meeting, government spokesman Ilias Mossialos said Papan-

60 A recent poll said that 60 per cent of Greeks were against the austerity measures, while other polls showed broad support for the remaining eurozone.

dreou's ministers expressed "total support for the initiatives taken by the prime minister." He said the referendum would be held "as soon as possible."

Government officials said two ministers still had strong reservations about the referendum, which will be the first in Greece since the country voted to abol-

ish the monarchy in 1974. Papandreou told his ministers that putting the issue to the people was the only way to safeguard the deal.

A referendum, he said, "will be a clear mandate, and a clear message within and outside of Greece, about our European course and our participation in the euro," he said.

World markets were hammered after Papandreou's surprise announcement amid fears the vote could unravel a deal that took European leaders months of complex negotiations among themselves and with banks to reach.

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PBO at odds with Flaherty on economy

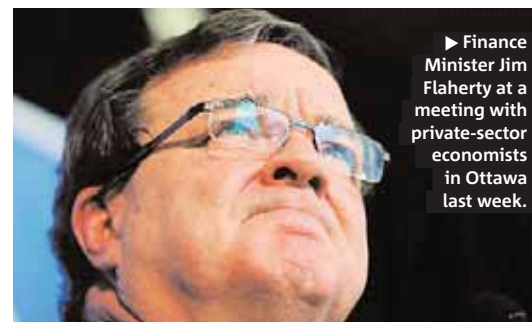
The parliamentary budget officer has joined the growing chorus predicting slower growth for Canada next year with one of the more pessimistic outlooks for the economy, due to the turmoil over European debt.

The report by Kevin Page's office said growth this year should hit 2.2 per cent, which jibes with Finance Minister Jim Flaherty's last forecast; however, Page's estimate was well below the minister's forecast of 2.1 per cent for 2012.

The economic outlook released yesterday predicts that real GDP will expand

by only 1.5 per cent next year and 2.1 per cent in 2013. The PBO forecast follows one by the Bank of Canada last week that predicted the economy will advance 2.1 per cent this year, soften to 1.9 per cent in 2012 and pick up speed to 2.9 per cent in 2013.

The forecast also suggests that it's unlikely Flaherty can hit a balanced federal budget by 2014-15 and predicts a shortfall of \$18.7 billion in that year. The PBO report put the odds of a balanced budget at 10 per cent for 2014-15, 25 per cent in 2015-16 and







► Finance Minister Jim Flaherty at a meeting with private-sector economists in Ottawa last week.

40 per cent at 2016-17.

Last week, Flaherty did not commit to the four-year target when asked, but in-

sisted Ottawa remained on track to eliminate the deficit "in the medium term." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Market moment

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Oil	Natural gas
	
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Respect for referendum: Carney

► Bank of Canada governor says vote in Greece may build support needed for austerity

Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney says he respects the Greek prime minister's controversial call for a referendum on a new bailout package, saying the vote could be useful if it helps build support for necessary austerity.

But within hours, the question of whether such a vote would take place was up in the air as members of George Papandreou's government threatened to re-

volt over the surprise announcement.

That changed late yesterday, however, with his cabinet expressing unanimous support for the prime minister's surprise decision to call for a referendum on a hard-won European plan to rescue the Greek economy.

News of the referendum adds even more pressure on G20 leaders to bring a sense of calm to situation and restore market confi-

dence that policy-makers know what they are doing.

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty described the situation as "fragile and uncertain," to the Commons finance committee.

Meanwhile, Ontario Finance Minister Dwight Duncan said the impact of the Greek debt crisis on financial markets shows "how interdependent the world economies are."

Carney said that he still

expects bailout measures will contain the situation — "but that's different than resolving the issues, (which) ... is going to take years." Details still need to be ironed out and Europe must implement the initiatives, and there may still be additional measures needed, he cautioned.

Markets will be looking for G20 leaders to unveil more details at the two-day summit in Cannes, starting

Thursday, where Carney is to be confirmed as new head of the Financial Stability Board, placing the Canadian central banker at the forefront of measures to reform global financial markets.

Carney told the committee the European debt crisis remains the biggest concern for the global economy as well as Canada's.

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Scene at a glance



Jimmy Kimmel will be cracking jokes for the U.S. president. The White House Correspondents' Association says he will be the featured comedian at its 98th annual dinner in 2012. Kimmel said he is looking forward to the event adding, "I love dinner."

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From Ugly Betty to foxy Roxie: America Ferrera to play the Chicago femme fatale in London

Putting the 'X' in Xmas

It's been six years since their Guantanamo Bay adventure Harold and Kumar are back with ridiculous yuletide antics Watch as they burn down the Christmas tree and party with Jesus

IN FOCUS

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The week after Halloween is a strange time to be writing about Christmas movies. Almost like cooking a Thanksgiving dinner in July.

But if department stores can display Lady Gaga masks beside Christmas ornaments and Hollywood can release A Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas while we're still digesting our Halloween haul, I can write about some movies that put the tinsel in Tinsel Town.

Harold and Kumar isn't your average Christmas movie.

I doubt Jimmy Stewart would have considered burning down the family Christmas tree part of his wonderful Yuletide life, but Harold and Kumar aren't the first to put the X into Xmas.

Many movies are set at Christmastime — the Brat

Packer flick Less Than Zero features an LA Yule, and Die Hard takes place on Christmas Eve — but I'm thinking of movies that use the holidays as a springboard for the action.

The raunchiest Christmas movie has to be Bad Santa, starring Billy Bob Thornton as a boozed-up, thieving department store Kris Kringle.

Unsentimental and crude, Bad Santa is bound to make the elves choke on their eggnog.

Dan Aykroyd also played a less than cuddly Santa in Trading Places. Drunk, disorderly and waving a gun around, he even has a fish hidden in his fake beard.

Unwrap Mixed Nuts, the 1994 Nora Ephron black comedy, and you'll find Christmas tree theft, lunatics and the worst Christmas gift ever: a dead body.

Staying up on Christmas Eve, waiting for Santa to come, will be easy after watching Black Christmas. You'll be too scared to sleep!

The tinsel terror about a mysterious killer in the attic is considered to be



John Cho as Harold, left, Neil Patrick Harris as himself and Kal Penn as Kumar in A Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas.

the first modern slasher movie.

Gremlins mixes horror, humour and ho ho ho's. Set at Christmas, the story of little creatures who turn nasty when wet features a gory story about a missing father, a chimney, an overstuffed Santa suit and the punchline,

"And that's how I found out there was no Santa Claus."

A very merry Crime Christmas can be had in both The Ref and Reindeer Games.

In The Ref, cat burglar Dennis Leary soon regrets breaking into the home of squabbling couple Kevin

Spacey and Judy Davis on Christmas Eve.

Reindeer Games sees Ben Affleck reluctantly rob a casino at Christmas.

The movie is such a lump of coal that one of its stars had this to say about it: "That was a bad, bad, bad movie," said Charlize Theron.

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Wait — you didn't really think we were done with Kim Kardashian, did you? Far from it, cupcakes. When there's a four-hour reality TV special on your \$10 million wedding, you better believe there's weeks worth of gossip when you divorce 72 days later.

Humphries is 'devastated'
While Kim's statement was clearly written by her publicist while she went shopping, Humphries was a little less guarded: "I love my wife and am devastated to learn she filed for divorce," he said in a statement to E! News on

Monday evening. "I'm committed to this marriage and everything this covenant represents. I'm willing to do whatever it takes to make it work."

Are we starting to ... feel bad for a member of the Kardashian family? Make this stop. Make this stop right now.

Won't somebody think of the diamonds?!

In the divorce filing, Kim asked that jewelry acquired during their marriage remain hers, according to E! Online. The actual pieces are unspecified, and we don't put it past this girl to accumulate some serious gems in 72 days. That said, we're pretty sure this has something to do with that \$2 million diamond on her finger.

Our favourite explanation
If we start explaining the



▶ Kim Kardashian

divorce, are we implying that the marriage was real? No matter, this one is too good to pass up: Kim was annoyed that Humphries began "chasing fame" and

trying to break into Hollywood, reports TMZ. Save it for your three-part "moving on" special, lady.

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Death-defying Johnny Depp

▶ Star has surprising reaction when engines stop on private plane

Johnny Depp had a brush with death on a private plane recently, but at least he's taking it well.

"The plane just shut down. The sound of the engines stopped," Depp tells Life magazine of a flight he took with the Rum Diary director Bruce Robinson.

"Bruce and I were looking at each other and I think I said, 'Is this it?' It was like this weird extended moment when you're just floating for a second and you could feel this unpleasant descent."

The Pirates of the Caribbean star quickly realized what was happening, but his reaction wasn't expected.

"Nobody said a word except for Bruce and I, sitting



▶ Johnny Depp

next to each other saying, 'Oh s—! This is death. I guess this is how it goes down.' Then we burst into hysterical laughter at the idea that this was how we were going to die."

The engines soon kicked back on, though, and the flight returned to normal. ● METRO



▶ Demi Moore

Demi hits the town — sans Ashton

Demi Moore was spotted out recently, shaking off her recent marital troubles to enjoy a star-studded Halloween party in Beverly Hills, according to Us Weekly. "She was having fun, [and] she drank. But she wasn't the belle of the ball. Everyone at the party was drunk," a source says. Other guests at the bash included Cameron Diaz, Eli Roth and director Todd Phillips. Moore, though, showed up alone, with Ashton Kutcher nowhere to be seen. ● METRO

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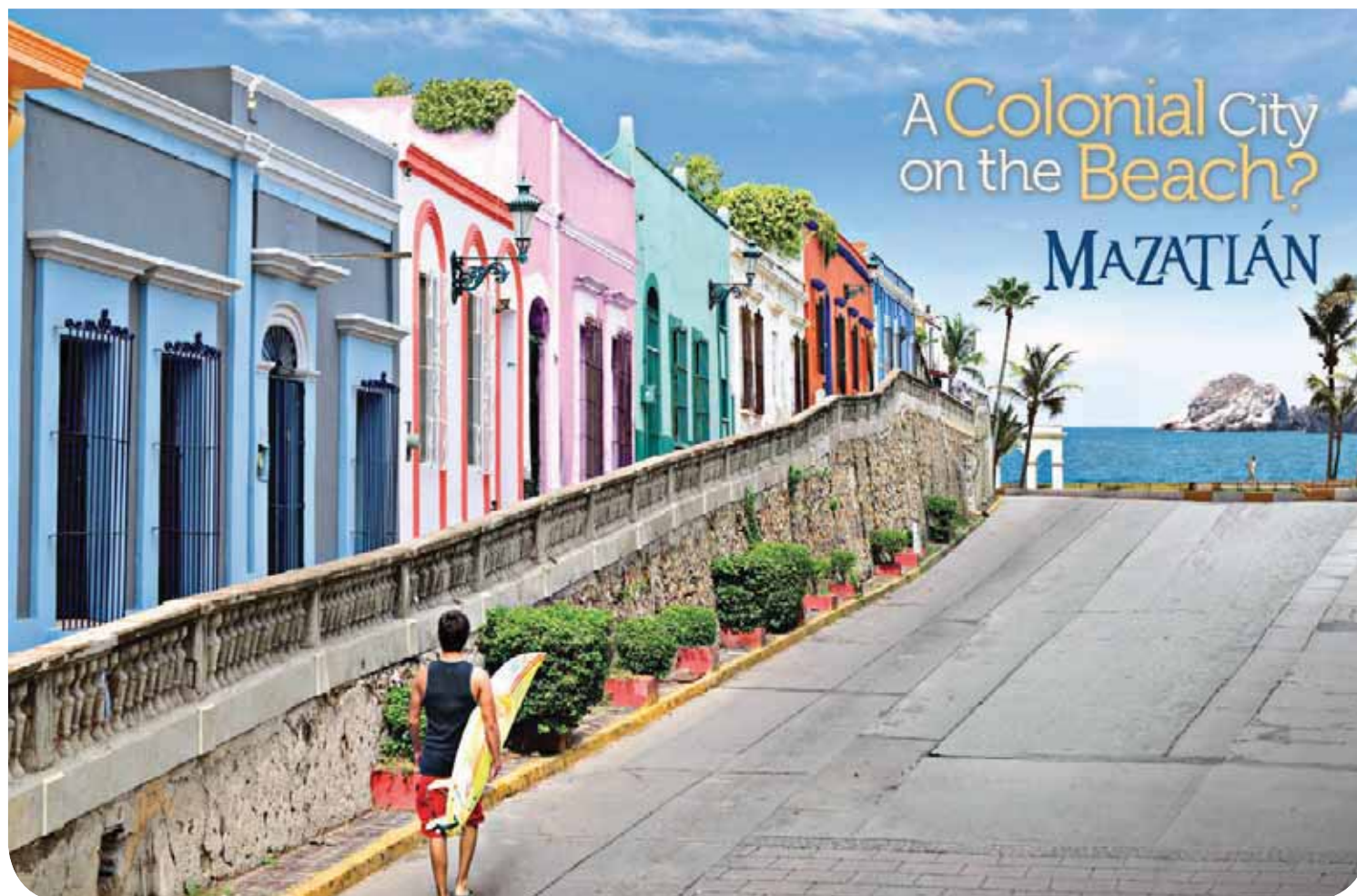
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Lohan to beg for mercy

Lindsay Lohan will reportedly try a new tactic at her probation hearing today: admitting she was wrong and begging for mercy.

According to TMZ, the troubled actress will fess up to skipping out on her previous community service obligations but maintain that she's now taking it seriously, having worked 24 hours at the L.A. County morgue in the last week.

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Hit the slopes early

► With temperatures dropping and snow falling, early ski season never looked so good



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Two words: La Nina. It's a weather pattern, which simply put, dumps a ton of snow on North America — particularly in the north west and northern California. Last year it led to record snowfalls in many resorts — Mammoth saw 16.8 metres — while Fernie in British Columbia racked up 11 metres. If La Nina is back this year, and the signs are pointing to just that with colder-than-normal temperatures and heavy precipitation, then it's time to pick your resort.

Despite its relatively low altitude — the resort sits at 675 metres with the highest lift rising to 2,284 metres — Whistler, B.C., had a great season last year thanks to La Nina with 15.6 metres of snow falling.

Already the resort has seen remarkable snowfall with skiers riding the Blackcomb glacier as early as Oct. 6. Whistler is due to open on Nov. 24 and the resort is currently offering savings of up to 36 per cent on accommodation and lift pass packages if you book before Nov. 15. If it could get through the snow, that early bird could catch a great worm (whistlerblackcomb.com).

Keystone, Colo., will be throwing open its pistes on Nov. 4 with early-season skiers reaping the benefits of sophisticated snowmaking, sheltered tree runs and a superb snowpark without the crowds.

The resort shares the Epic pass with nearby



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► The weather pattern La Nina is responsible for dumping tons of snow across North America. That's good news for powder hounds eager to hit the slopes.

Breckenridge, Beaver Creek, Vail and A-Basin so good snow is not hard to find (keystone.com).

Grand Targhee, Wyo. saw 14.8 metres fall last season and its dry powder is the stuff of legends. The resort is so confident you will love it, it even offers a refund on your lift pass

should your skiing be less than satisfactory (grandtarghee.com).

Alta, Utah has a base elevation of 2,600 metres, making skiing a definite possibility come Christmas, or before — it plans to open on Nov. 18 (alta.com).

If La Nina doesn't mate-

rialize you need a resort with good snowmaking, like Northstar-at-Tahoe, Calif. (northstaratahое.com). Not only has the resort increased its skiable terrain by 10 per cent this season, but 50 per cent of it is covered by snowmaking facilities, so powder turns are guaranteed.

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Travel in brief



Want first crack at the runs in Aspen? The Aspen Skiing Co. is offering an Ultimate Ski Pass that will let you have unlimited first tracks before chairlifts open to the public — for \$25,000. The exclusive passes also allow holders to meet members of the U.S. Women's Ski Team when they race in Aspen on the U.S. Thanksgiving weekend.

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Sure, all roads may lead to Rome, but in the Miami-Dade county area, all roads lead to Sunny Isles Beach (sibfl.net).

Nestled between downtown Miami and Fort Lauderdale, this oceanside community is the perfect stepping stone from which to explore the rest of the region.

The centre of Florida's Riviera — or "paradise" as locals call it — is minutes from trendy Miami Beach to the south and gay-friendly Lauderdale to the north. To the west are some of the state's shopping meccas, while the east offers swimming, fishing, boating and quick jaunts to the Bahamas.

Where to explore

Take a walk along the beach, past the resorts, and the half-mile-long pier. Friendly lifeguards patrol the beach regular-

ly. Lifeguard Tower No. 17 rises above this beach hotspot. Walk too far down Sunny Isles' four-kilometre long beach and you will encounter the life guard stations of Haulover — the nude beach.



► The Trump International Beach Resort

Where to eat

A popular local spot is Epicure Gourmet Café, which is also a deli and supermarket. Portions are generous, with a selection of sandwiches, soups and salads. A few metres away on Collins Avenue — Sunny Isles' main, and only, strip — is H Restaurant, offering French cuisine in a cosy, relaxed atmosphere. Hungry for surf or turf? The elegant Il Mulino New York at the Acqualina Resort and Spa has a great selection of steaks, and a to-die-for lobster dish



► Epicure Gourmet Café

prepared tableside. Served in a hot pot, the waiter breaks open the pastry top and ladles out the lobster and other ingredients. For something a little healthier, the Miami Juice chain has a Sunny Isles location and serves fresh and organic shakes, salads and breakfasts.

Where to shop

With its central location, Sunny Isles Beach is close to three of the region's premiere shopping centres. Just over the William Lehman Causeway is Aventura Mall. Anchored by Nordstrom, Bloomingdale's, and Macy's, it features more than 300 stores and restaurants. A short drive away is The Village at Gulf Stream Park, an outdoor shopping and entertainment centre where you



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can also drop a few coins in the slots or place a bet on the horses. If your pony comes in, head to the Bal Harbour Shops to buy a pair of Jimmy Choo's or a Gucci handbag.

Where to stay

More of a destination than a boutique hotel, the Trump International Beach Resort offers 390 oversized rooms, including junior and deluxe suites with kitchen facilities for families who want to make their own meals. Feel like eating in? The resort has two restaurants; Neomi's, offering contemporary American cuisine, and Fusion Restaurant and Lounge offering a new take on Asian located off the lobby. The grounds of the resort — which is in the final stages of an update — includes tennis courts, two pools and beach access. Lie in the sun while you sip one of the 12 types of Pina Colodas from Gili's Pool Bar and Grill, located right next to the family pool. Kids will stay busy with the resort's Planet Kids program, an enviro-adventure program, while you get a facial or body treatment at Aquanox.

Where to visit

Oleta River State Park has been allowed to grow back into a natural reserve in the midst of a city. The more than 1,000-acre park is popular with joggers, hikers, and anyone who just wants to get away from the hustle-bustle of the city for the afternoon. The Blue Moon Outdoor Centre rents kayaks, canoes and bicycles, so visitors can explore the waterways frequented by manatees and dolphins, or bike through the 24 kilometres of trails. You can even rough it, Miami style, in one of 14 air conditioned "primitive cabins" that come with double beds and bunk beds. Bring your own sheets. ● METRO

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Bullying trumped by strong bonds

► Study finds good student-teacher relations can help protect children who may be subject to aggression



► Positive relationships formed in the classroom may be imperative to a child's social development.

The research revealed that the kids who were genetically vulnerable to being aggressive were more susceptible to being victimized by their peers than other students. Yet in those instances, kids were protected from acting out aggressively or being targeted by other kids if they had a very good relationship with their teacher — one that was warm, affectionate and involved open communication. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Fostering a good relationship with their teachers could pay dividends for children beyond the classroom, protecting them from acting out aggressively and being targeted by their peers, a Canadian-led study suggests.

Psychology professor Mara Brendgen from the University of Quebec at Montreal led the study, which also involved researchers at Laval University, the University of Montreal, the University of Alabama and University College Dublin.

Published in the journal *Child Development*, the study set out to explore the source of aggression in children and the role of genetic factors and social interactions in their every-day environment influencing aggressive behaviour.

Researchers say that children's relationships with peers and teachers are key to their social and behavioural development. As a result, conflicts that may arise between students and both classmates and instructors can potentially aggravate aggression in some kids.

"Problematic relationships with peers and teachers may not only play an important role in maintaining or increasing aggressive behaviour in the child, but such negative relationship experiences may themselves be fostered by a child's aggressive behaviour," researchers write.

The study estimated the genetic effects on aggression by comparing the similarity in behaviours of both identical and fraternal twin pairs.

Study specifics

Research round-up:

- The study looked at Grade 1 students in the greater Montreal area, specifically 217 pairs of identical and fraternal twins with an average age of seven when assessed. Data were only used in the analysis of twins who were in different classrooms.
- Classmates were asked to rate the level of aggressive behaviour exhibited by the twins and the extent to which they were victimized by peers. Meanwhile, the twins' teachers were asked to rate the quality of their relationship with each child, assessed through their ratings of items from the closeness and conflict sub scales of the Teacher-Child Relationships scale.

A MINISTRY MAKES THE WRONG MOVE

► Is the public interest being subverted? ► Take care when complaining to a provincial ministry of labour

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An individual's experience, related below, provides an example of why you must be careful when

you call a provincial Ministry of Labour.

Following her termination, an individual contacted the Ontario Ministry of Labour, seeking some advice about her situation. She had not yet contacted a lawyer and the ministry representative who was randomly assigned to pick up the phone did not immediately encourage her to do so.

The individual planned to contest her dismissal and so the representative immediately encouraged her to file a complaint. This was the first error. Although the Ministry enforces the provincial legislation, it cannot provide a remedy for more significant claims for wrongful dismissal since most of those claims generally exceed the scope of the legislation.

As well, even though the



► An over-the-phone representative from the Ministry of Labour should not be confused with a lawyer.

Ministry could easily address and then remedy the complaint, this was not the problem. It was that once it has taken steps to do so, an individual loses the right to later file a wrongful dismissal claim in court. Here, since this person's damages were in excess of the statutory minimum, the bulk of her damages then would be relinquished — an issue that most employment lawyers would spot as a matter of course.

The Ministry has many safeguards, but they are not always effective. No surprise there. After most complaints are made, the Ministry mails the claimant a standard form letter explaining that if the complaint is not withdrawn within two weeks, the claimant will not be able to later file a wrongful dismissal claim. However, since most people will be

lieve, even if incorrectly, that they received "advice" from a Ministry, they are unlikely to withdraw their complaint or later pay for a lawyer's time to obtain a second opinion. The result is that they are then stuck with their original claim.

This example is not an exception. The Ministry's hotline, which fields calls from prospective complaints, should explain only what the Act says and how it may have been interpreted in the past. There is no mandate to provide recommendations, or worse, to provide advice. Yet it happens anyway when the general public or some of the Ministry's representatives habitually blur this distinction. When they do, the public's interests may be subverted.

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Many students enter university knowing exactly what major they want to specialize in — at least they think they do.

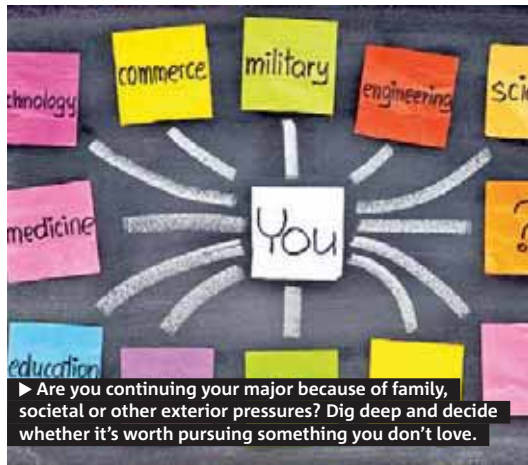
But as students, we encounter new interests and challenges, giving us new-found perspective and knowledge. These insights can contradict existing notions and fall contrary to previous expectations.

I, for one, always knew that I wanted to study journalism, but I decided to enter university under another major so that I could work toward a greater understanding of my future program. In doing so, I built the proper knowledge, resources and mind-set required for journalism school.

But switching majors is not as easy as it seems. As someone who switched majors during my undergraduate degree, I know finding the right major for you can be difficult and overwhelming. There are many things to consider when doing so.

Meeting requirements

Each program has different requirements. Some pro-



► Are you continuing your major because of family, societal or other exterior pressures? Dig deep and decide whether it's worth pursuing something you don't love.

grams are based on a grades-only application, whereas others require grades plus non-academic submissions, such as portfolios, or audio and tape submissions.

When I applied to Ryerson University's journalism program, I applied under the grades plus program, which required me to submit a select number of published works. I completed a lot of work outside school hours so that my portfolio would guarantee me acceptance into the program.

Switching to a more specialized program will de-

mand a lot more than high grades. Additionally, if you are applying to a program that is in-demand, you should make sure that your grades surpass the minimum grade requirement to get into the program.

Researching the program

Before deciding to switch programs, it is necessary to research exactly what your intended field of study entails. You can never know too much, so do your homework prior to switching majors.

Seek resources within your school; talk to department heads, people at the career centre and anyone who can help guide you in the right direction.

Do your research and don't forget about the simple, yet crucial requirements, such as having a minimum number of field-related courses

and making sure that you do not miss crucial deadlines for transferring.

Sacrifice

Most people forget about the sacrifices that come with switching majors. When you decide to transfer programs you are agreeing to forfeit your existing major. Since program requirements vary, this could mean that the one or two years spent in your program will essentially be discredited and not counted toward your new major.

It also means having to start from scratch again. I was extremely happy to switch programs and be able to study my true calling. I was, however, a little disappointed when I realized that all my hard work was not going to be accounted for. It is a difficult

Not working out

If you find yourself in one of the following situations, you may want to consider switching majors:

- Failing the majority of your classes
- On academic probation more than once
- Always dropping classes
- Dreading school
- Unable to picture a career in your major

reality to grapple with, especially if you are someone who wants to finish school as quickly as possible, or if you face major financial constraints.

Then there are other minor inconveniences such as the transfer process, which can be difficult and labori-

ous. There are many forms to fill, fees to pay and places to drop things off to.

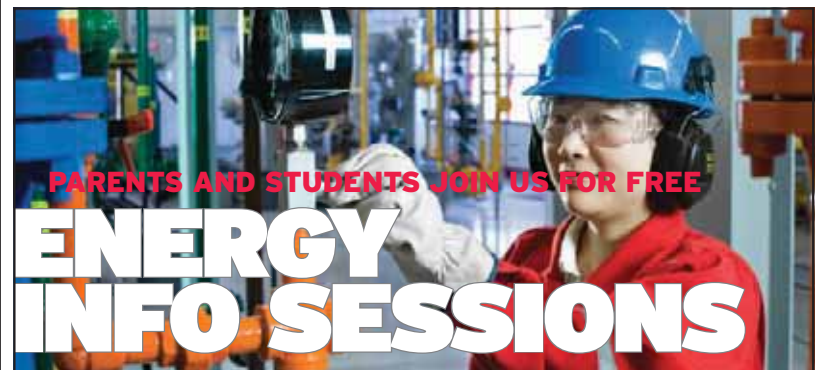
Ultimately, however, you have to be in a major that is complementary to your abilities and preferences. If you are unhappy with what you are studying, it is not worth spending your time and money continuing.

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► Vancouver's Alexandre Burrows celebrates his goal last night.

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Luongo keeps Flames offence under control

Vancouver defenceman Alexander Edler scored and added two assists and Roberto Luongo made 28 saves as the Canucks routed the Calgary Flames 5-1 last night. Chris Higgins, Alexandre Burrows, Daniel Sedin and Cody Hodgson also scored for Vancouver (6-5-1), which kicked off a six-game road trip. Alex Tanguay scored the lone goal for Calgary (4-5-1), ruining Luongo's shutout bid with 32 seconds left in the game. Luongo was coming off a miserable October in which he went 3-3-1 with a 3.54 goals-against average and a meagre .869 save percentage.

Still gunning for top spot

► They'll need some help, but Stamps haven't given up on claiming first place in the West

It felt like the calm before the storm yesterday when the Calgary Stampeders held a short practice without pads in the bright sunshine.

After a wild 32-27 win in Montreal on Sunday and the return journey home, it was a breather before the drama builds again toward the CFL's final week-end of the regular season.

The Stampeders are just one of five teams with 10-7 records and a chance to finish first in their divisions when the dust settles Saturday night.

Calgary hosts the Winnipeg Blue Bombers on Saturday (TSN 2 p.m.) when the Stampeders could finish anywhere from first to third in the West Division.

A win over the Bombers

"We're not really worried about Edmonton and B.C. Hopefully they lose and hopefully we win and get first."

STAMPEDER RECEIVER JOHNNY FORZANI

may not be enough for them to host a playoff game at McMahon Stadium.

Edmonton and B.C. are also 10-7. If the Eskimos beat Saskatchewan on Friday and the Lions defeat the Alouettes in Saturday's later game, the Stampeders are third win or lose. On the losing end of the season series to both the Lions and Eskimos, Calgary would rank lower in the event of a tie.

So the combination of a Stampeders win and losses by both B.C. and Edmonton catapults Calgary into first place, which means

the Stamps host the division final. A Calgary win and a loss by one of those clubs gives the Stampeders the division semifinal at home.

Meanwhile, first place in the East Division is at stake for Montreal and Winnipeg on Saturday.

Calgary's situation contrasts starkly with last season when the Stamps had the division lead sewn up with two games to go in the regular season.

"It is a wild finish," Calgary head coach and general manager John Hufnagel acknowledged "Maybe two teams in one division, but

to have both divisions scramble like it is with five teams having a possibility of finishing first, it's quite unusual."

Historically, teams that have locked down playoff positions rest their starters in the regular-season finale. The Blue Bombers have no choice but to play backup quarterback Alex Brink in Calgary because starter Buck Pierce injured his leg in Friday's loss to Toronto.

Calgary continues to go with Drew Tate, who supplanted Henry Burris two games ago and won both of them. What Hufnagel's long-term plans are for Burris, the CFL's Most Outstanding Player last season, is a bubbling subplot in Calgary's locker-room. Burris was inserted in

short-yardage situations in Montreal, which was a role Tate formerly filled.

Tate couldn't watch and stared at the ground when Als quarterback Anthony Calvillo fired the football into the end zone on the final play of the game Sunday. The Texan didn't see defensive back Johnnie Dixon knock down the pass intended for receiver for S.J. Green to seal the win for Calgary.

Continuing to block out stressful situations, Tate refused to marvel at the myriad playoff permutations possible this weekend.

"I think you all are putting more into it," Tate told reporters. "All that stuff doesn't matter. To us, we've got a game Saturday. Keep it that simple."

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Ottawa	13	7	6	0	0	42	50	14	5-2-0-0	2-4-0-0	6-4-0-0	L1
Philadelphia	11	6	4	1	0	43	36	13	3-3-1-0	3-1-0-0	5-4-1-0	W1
Florida	11	6	4	0	1	29	29	13	2-1-0-1	4-3-0-0	5-4-0-1	L1
Carolina	12	5	4	2	1	32	37	13	3-1-0-1	2-3-0-0	5-3-1-1	W1
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Colorado	11	7	4	0	0	32	29	14	1-3-0-0	6-1-0-0	7-3-0-0	W1
Los Angeles	11	6	3	1	1	26	22	14	3-2-0-0	3-1-1-1	5-3-1-1	L2
Minnesota	11	5	3	2	1	33	24	13	3-2-1-0	2-1-1-1	4-3-2-1	W2
Vancouver	12	6	5	0	1	36	34	13	3-3-0-0	3-3-0-0	5-5-0-0	W1
San Jose	10	6	4	0	0	30	26	12	1-2-0-0	5-2-0-0	6-4-0-0	L1
Phoenix	10	5	3	0	2	30	30	12	3-2-0-1	2-1-0-1	5-3-0-2	W2
Nashville	11	5	4	1	1	28	31	12	2-2-0-1	3-2-1-0	4-4-1-1	L1
Anaheim	12	5	5	1	1	26	34	12	3-2-0-0	2-3-1-1	4-4-1-1	L3
Detroit	10	5	4	1	0	23	25	11	3-1-1-0	2-3-0-0	5-4-1-0	L5
St. Louis	11	5	6	0	0	28	31	10	2-1-0-0	3-5-0-0	5-5-0-0	L2
Calgary	10	4	5	1	0	23	28	9	3-3-1-0	1-2-0-0	4-5-1-0	L1
Columbus	12	2	9	0	1	28	40	5	2-3-0-1	0-6-0-0	2-7-0-1	W1

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results

Boston 5 Ottawa 3
Carolina 4 Tampa Bay 2
Minnesota 2 Detroit 1 (OT)
Washington 5 Anaheim 4 (OT)
Vancouver 5 Calgary 1

Monday Results

Winnipeg 4 Florida 3 (SO)
Chicago 5 Nashville 4 (OT)
N.Y. Rangers 5 San Jose 2

Tonight's games

Toronto at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Colorado, 9:30 p.m.

Tomorrow's games

Winnipeg at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Calgary at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Nashville at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Edmonton at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Friday's games

Washington at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Calgary at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Montreal at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Colorado at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

BRUINS 5, SENATORS 3

First Period

1. Ottawa, Foligno 3 (Da Costa, Butler) 5:19
2. Boston, Lucic 4 (Chara, Seidenberg) 7:12 (pp)
3. Ottawa, Da Costa 3 (Foligno, Neil) 7:28
Penalties — Gonchar Ott (hooking) 1:46, Konopka Ott, Thornton Bos (fighting) 5:23, Gonchar Ott (hooking) 5:31, Smith Ott (unsportsmanlike conduct), Campbell Bos (boarding, unsportsmanlike conduct) 7:40.

Second Period

4. Boston, Bergeron 3 (Seguin, Marchand) 4:21
5. Boston, Kelly 3 (Peverley, Chara) 18:00
Penalties — Spezza Ott (hooking) 6:30, Horton Bos (boarding) 11:32, Neil Ott (goaltender interference) 14:49, Neil Ott (slashing) 19:14.
Third Period
6. Ottawa, Cowen 1 (Neil, Foligno) 5:04
7. Boston, Boychuk 1 (Kelly, Peverley) 6:41
8. Boston, Paille 2 (Thornton, Campbell) 7:18
Penalties — Marchand Bos (holding stick) 12:03, Smith Ott, Campbell Bos (fighting) 17:18, Neil Ott (boarding), Spezza Ott (holding) 19:47.

Shots on goal by

Ottawa 9 7 10 26
Boston 17 16 8 41
Goal — Ottawa: Anderson (L, 6-3-0); Boston: Thomas (W, 4-4-0).

Power plays (goals-chances) — Ottawa: 0-3; Boston: 1-7.
Referees — Mike Hasenfrazt, Ian Walsh.
Linesmen — Pierre Champoux, Bryan Panchich.
Att. — 17,565 (17,565) at Boston.

CANUCKS 5, FLAMES 1

First Period

1. Vancouver, Higgins 6 (Hansen, Malhotra) 7:57
2. Vancouver, Burrows 4 (Kessler, Edler) 13:42 (pp)
3. Vancouver, D.Sedin 5 (H.Sedin, Edler) 19:41 (pp)
Penalties — Bourque Cal (holding) 11:22, Butler Cal (delay of game) 11:48, Horak Cal (slashing) 19:27.
Second Period
4. Vancouver, Hodgson 3 (Lapierre, Weise) 3:47
5. Vancouver, Edler 3 (Hodgson, Booth) 11:43
Penalties — Volpatti Vcr (hooking) 12:41, Kessler Vcr (tripping) 16:24, Horak Cal (holding) 17:18, H.Sedin Vcr (hooking) 18:41.
Third Period
6. Calgary, Tanguay 2 (Kostopoulos, Butler) 19:28
Penalties — H.Sedin Vcr (double high-sticking) 1:24, Hannan Cal (delay of game) 5:58, Sarich Cal (hooking) 7:21, D.Sedin Vcr (holding) 12:54, Weise Vcr, Jackman Cal (fighting) 19:11.

Shots on goal by

Vancouver 14 4 3 —21
Calgary 8 12 9 —29
Goal (shots-saves) — Vancouver: Luongo (W, 4-3-1); Calgary: Kiprusoff (L, 4-4-0) (18-13), Karlsson (start third; 3-3).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Vancouver: 2-6; Calgary: 0-6.
Referees — Ghislain Hebert, Kevin Pollock.
Linesmen — Brian Mach, Dan Schachte.
Attendance — 19,289 (19,289) at Calgary.

Tennis

ATP VALENCIA OPEN 500
At Valencia, Spain
Singles
First Round
David Ferrer (1), Spain, def. Fernando Verdasco, Spain, 6-3, 6-2.
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (2), France, def. Javier Marti, Spain, 4-6, 7-5, 6-2.
Gael Monfils (3), France, def. Albert Montanes, Spain, 6-3, 6-1.
Juan Monaco, Argentina, def. Nicolas Pietrangeli (4), Spain, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.
Marcel Granollers, Spain, def. Alexandr Dolgoplov (7), Ukraine, 6-3, 6-4.
Kevin Anderson, South Africa, def. Martin Klizan, Slovakia, 6-1, 6-4.
Sam Querrey, U.S., def. Ernests Gulbis, Latvia, 6-3, 6-4.
Juan Carlos Ferrero, Spain, def. Igor Kunitsyn, Russia, 6-4, 7-6 (2).

Tennis

ATP DAVIDOFF SWISS INDOORS
At Basel, Switzerland
Singles
First Round
Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Xavier Malisse, Belgium, 6-2, 4-6, 7-5.
Kei Nishikori, Japan, def. Tomas Berdych (4), Czech Republic, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.
James Blake, U.S., def. Mardy Fish (5), U.S., 0-1 (retired).
Michael Lammner, Switzerland, def. Mikhail Youzhny, Russia, 6-4, 6-3.
Stanislav Wawrinka, Switzerland, def. Ivan Dodig, Croatia, 6-4, 6-4.
Jarkko Nieminen, Finland, def. Thomas Belucci, Brazil, 6-7 (5), 6-4, 6-3.
Andreas Seppi, Italy, def. Gilles Muller, Luxembourg, 7-6 (4), 6-7 (5), 6-2.
Ivan Ljubicic, Croatia, def. Michael Llodra, France, 7-5, 6-4.

SOCCER

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

All Times Eastern

FIRST ROUND

(home teams listed first)

GROUP A

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pt
Bayern Munich	3	2	1	0	5	1	7
Napoli	3	1	2	0	4	2	5
Manchester City	3	1	1	1	3	4	4
Villarreal	3	0	0	3	1	6	0

Tonight's games

Bayern Munich vs. Napoli, 3:45 p.m.

Villarreal vs. Manchester City, 3:45 p.m.

GROUP B

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pt
Inter Milan	3	2	0	1	4	3	6
CSKA Moscow	3	1	1	1	7	5	4
Trabzonspor	3	1	1	1	2	4	4
Lille	3	0	2	1	3	4	2

Tonight's games

Trabzonspor vs. CSKA Moscow, 3:45 p.m.

Inter Milan vs. Lille, 3:45 p.m.

GROUP C

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pt
Benfica	3	2	1	0	4	1	7
Manchester United	3	1	2	0	6	4	5
FC Basel	3	1	1	1	5	6	4
Otelul Galati	3	0	0	3	1	5	0

Tonight's games

Manchester United vs. Otelul Galati, 3:45 p.m.

Benfica vs. FC Basel, 3:45 p.m.

GROUP D

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pt
Real Madrid	3	3	0	0	8	0	9
Ajax	3	1	1	1	2	3	4
Lyon	3	1	1	1	2	4	4
Dinamo Zagreb	3	0	0	3	0	5	0

Tonight's games

Lyon vs. Real Madrid, 3:45 p.m.

Ajax vs. Dinamo Zagreb, 3:45 p.m.

GROUP E

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pt
Chelsea	4	2	2	0	9	2	8
Bayer Leverkusen	4	2	0	2	5	6	6
Valencia	4	1	2	1	5	4	5
Genk	4	0	2	2	1	8	2

Yesterday's results

Genk (Belgium) 1 Chelsea (England) 1
Valencia (Spain) 3 Bayer Leverkusen (Germany) 1

GROUP F

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pt
Arsenal	4	2	2	0	4	2	8
Marseille	4	2	1	1	4	1	7
Borussia Dortmund	4	1	1	2	3	7	4
Olympiakos	4	1	0	3	4	5	3

Yesterday's results

Arsenal (England) 0 Marseille (France) 0
Borussia Dortmund (Germany) 1 Olympiakos (Greece) 0

GROUP G

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pt
APOEL	4	2	2	0	6	4	8
Zenit St. Petersburg	4	2	1	1	7	5	7
FC Porto	4	1	1	2	5	7	4
Shakhtar Donetsk	4	0	2	2	4	6	2

Yesterday's results

APOEL (Cyprus) 2 Porto (Portugal) 1
Zenit St. Petersburg (Russia) 1 Shakhtar Donetsk (Ukraine) 0

GROUP H

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pt
x-Barcelona	4	3	1	0	13	2	10
x-AC Milan	4	2	2	0	7	3	8
BATE Borisov	4	0	2	2	2	9	2
Viktoria Plzen	4	0	1	3	1	9	1

x — advances to second round.

Yesterday's results

BATE Borisov (Belarus) 1 AC Milan (Italy) 1
Viktoria Plzen (Czech Republic) 0 Barcelona (Spain) 4

MLS PLAYOFFS

All Times Eastern

EASTERN CONFERENCE

SEMIFINALS

Sporting Kansas City vs. Colorado

Sunday's result

Kansas City 2 Colorado 0

Tonight's game

Colorado at Sporting Kansas City, 7 p.m.

Houston vs. Philadelphia

Sunday's result

Houston 2 Philadelphia 1

Tomorrow's game

Philadelphia at Houston, 8:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SEMIFINALS

Los Angeles vs. New York

Sunday's result

Los Angeles 1 New York 0

Tomorrow's game

New York at Los Angeles, 11 p.m.

Seattle vs. Real Salt Lake

Saturday's result

Real Salt Lake 3 Seattle 0

ENGLAND

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

Yesterday's results

Barnsley 2 Hull City 1
Burnley 1 Leicester

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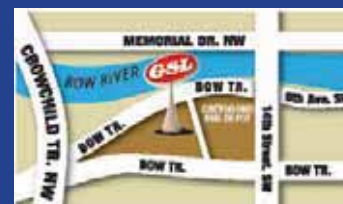
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Engine

Very little has changed beneath the hood of both gasoline-engine Camrys, although Toyota now rates the standard-issue 178-horsepower 2.5-litre four-cylinder at 8.2 l/100 km in the city and 5.6 on the highway, compared to the 2011 model's 9.0/6.0 numbers. Meanwhile, the carryover 268-horsepower 3.5-litre V-6 achieves a claimed 9.7/6.4 city/highway, compared with 10.6/6.8 before.

Interior

The interior is where this Camry makes a definitive statement. The organically-shaped dashboard presents a layered appearance and lacks the former droopy look.

As well, the dash and control panel's shiny bits added to up-level models are tastefully done. Buyers can now choose from four different upholstery finishes, depending on the model, from woven fabric on base models to leather with faux suede seat covers at the luxury end of the scale.

Gas-saving Hybrid

Easily the most impressive fuel-efficiency gain originates from the new Camry Hybrid. Toyota has installed a 156-horsepower 2.5-litre four-cylinder engine that replaces the 147-horse 2.4-litre. The 2.5 functions in tandem with an electric motor. Most importantly, fuel-economy numbers improve to 4.5 l/100 km in the city and 4.9 highway, versus 5.7 city and highway for the 2011 Hybrid. Additionally, the more compact battery system located behind the rear seat means more trunk space.



What you always get in a Camry ... and more



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It has been a rocky road for the Toyota faithful as the company recovers from natural disaster and a rash of very public — and extensive — recalls that threw into question its normally cut-above-the-rest reputation.

So, the question is whether the new seventh-

generation Camry and Camry Hybrid will get you down to the dealership to sign on the dotted line.

Honestly, it should, based on a number of key incremental improvements to fuel economy and interior quality in particular.

Despite the best efforts of the Honda Accord, Chevrolet Malibu and Hyundai Sonata, the Cam-

ry has owned the numero uno spot outright for the past decade.

And it has managed this feat by playing it safe with styling, steadily improving its safety and technology features and offering its loyal owners plenty of cabin comfort and refinement.

For 2012, the Camry's oh-so-subtle physical changes include a pointier

front end, chiselled front fenders and an accent crease extending across the doors and fenders.

Compared to a similarly contented 2011 base model, the list price has been reduced by \$1,600. You might consider that a return-to-full-strength bonus, however for the conservative Camry, saving money is always in fashion.

Toyota Camry

- ▶ **Type:** Four-door, front-wheel-drive mid-size sedan.
- ▶ **Engines (hp):** 2.5-litre DOHC I4 (178); 3.5-litre DOHC V6 (268); 2.5-litre DOHC I4 (156) combined with 105-kilowatt electric motor (200 net combined).
- ▶ **Transmissions:** Six-speed automatic; continuously variable (Hybrid).

By comparison

Ford Fusion

Base price: \$21,600
Popular four-door offered with manual gearbox, plus fuel-sipping hybrid version.

Honda Accord

Base price: \$26,200
Comfy cabin plus excellent road manners makes this a fun-to-drive sedan.

2013 Chevrolet Malibu

Base price: \$25,000 (est.)
New sedan has four cylinders and a part-hybrid model.

WHEELBASE MEDIA



The Volt's true colours

► How does Chevrolet's much-hyped car fare on real roads?

GARRY SOWERBY
FOR WHEELBASE MEDIA

I hate to see the end of summer. Days grow shorter and thoughts of winter weather fouling my ability to putter with a car in the driveway after work have a haunting effect.

But one consolation of the onset of winter is autumn, when skies are clear, humidity is a memory and leaves on the trees flash the countryside into a pallet of colours that takes the breath away.

This autumn I decided to treat my wife, Lisa Calvi, to a Fall Colours road trip and what better place to do it than New England, where back roads and small towns are alive with crisp mornings and splendid fall foliage.

And what better car to drive than a 2012 Chevy Volt, the electric vehicle Chevy is just rolling out in Canada.

It would also be a



► Note the beautiful fall foliage of New England.

chance to see if this car, with its so-called "extended-range" capability, can cut it on a backcountry road trip. The meandering route would run about 600 kilometres from Burlington, Vt., to Bar Harbor, Me. There were a few kilometres of Interstate, but the Volt would spend most of its time on secondary roads.

The basis of Volt's mobility is no secret. It's powered by a 149-horse electric motor. The large T-

shaped battery below the floor provides enough juice to get the stylish four-passenger sedan about 65 kilometres, at which point an onboard 1.4-litre gasoline engine fires up to generate the electricity to extend the range another 500-plus kilometres (the Volt costs about \$42,500 to start).

Although the system adds significant weight and cost to the car, this is somewhat offset by the elimination of that nasty



► The Volt is the only electric on the market that will cover 600 kilometres in two days. And there's no "range anxiety."

side effect other electric vehicles are cursed with: range anxiety. No pesky feelings in the pit of your stomach that you are running out of propulsion and the only way to get it back is to find a place to plug in and wait hours until the battery is recharged.

Fact is the Volt's main competitor, the Nissan Leaf, would never be able to take a 600-kilometre two-day road trip because it would require about three full days of charging using a household plug-in.

Lisa and I fly into Burlington, Vt., and pick up the Crystal Red Volt. It's fully charged and we drive to Topnotch Resort in Stowe, Vt., on electric power. It's peppy, quiet, comfortable and handles surprisingly well on the back roads.

That night, after plugging into a 110-volt outlet in the parking lot, we discuss our options over a romantic dinner. Neither of us has ever driven to the top of New Hampshire's Mount Washington, although I've seen those "This car climbed Mount Washington" bumper stickers for decades.

The next morning we pass on the many activities available at the cosy Topnotch Resort. So much for the horseback riding, fall hikes, the corn maze or getting pampered at the resort's full service spa.

We're off and half way to our overnight destination I realize the Volt's gas-powered generator has taken over and I didn't even notice.

Turn down the prerequisite road-trip companion

XM Radio and I can hear the engine slightly at times.

The next day, we need to drive about 350 kilometres to get to Bar Harbor on the Atlantic Ocean.

Who cares if we can only get half way up Mount Washington because of freezing rain and icy roads? Who cares if the sun is not shining and Hurricane Irene has ransacked the fall foliage? The Volt has taught this old road warrior a thing or two about the future.

Chevy's answer to the Little Black Dress of vehicles, the Volt, makes it possible to be environmentally conscious, cut down on fossil-fuel consumption and not need a second car when the call of the open road needs answering.

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The envelope please.

No, not that one. It's from Parking Tag Operations and I don't need to see it. Yes, the other one, which reveals the "Best New" vehicles for 2012, as adjudicated by the Automobile Journalists Association of Canada (AJAC).

Hopefully by now everyone is already well aware of AJAC's annual TestFest — one of the most unique and thorough "car of the year" evaluation programs on the planet. The 2012 model-year edition just wrapped up last week in Niagara-on-the-Lake, and if you scan the list of category winners, you'll notice that Korean and German brands dominate.

But there were many close races...

In Small Car Over \$21K, winner Hyundai Elantra beat out second-place Ford Focus by only five points (695 vs. 690). Focus beat Elantra on several counts, notably cargo, acceleration and safety, but with an as-tested price several thousands of dollars above the Elantra, it couldn't overcome the price factor.

AJAC applies a price fac-

Winners

AJAC "Best New" Category Winners for 2012

- ▶ **Small Car Under \$21K**
Hyundai Accent
- ▶ **Small Car Over \$21K**
Hyundai Elantra
- ▶ **Family Car Under \$30K**
Kia Optima LX
- ▶ **Family Car Over \$30K**
Hyundai Sonata Hybrid
- ▶ **Luxury Car**
Mercedes-Benz C-Class C350 4Matic
- ▶ **Sports & Performance Under \$50K**
Hyundai Veloster
- ▶ **Sports & Performance Over \$50K**
BMW 1 Series M Coupe
- ▶ **Prestige Over \$75K**
Mercedes-Benz S-Class S350 BlueTEC 4Matic
- ▶ **SUV Under \$35K**
Dodge Journey
- ▶ **SUV Over \$35-60K**
VW Touareg TDI
- ▶ **SUV Over \$60K**
BMW X3

tor to each vehicle, on the assumption that a higher-priced vehicle should be better. The price factor is different for each category; it plays a bigger role in price-sensitive categories like compact, and less so in categories like luxury and prestige, etc.

On the podium for Family Car Over \$30K were two hybrids, Optima and Sonata, and the electric Chevrolet Volt. The Volt garnered an almost perfect fuel score, and huge marks for engine smoothness, but with an as-tested price of \$44,673, it was thousands more than both Korean hybrids.

Chrysler 300S trailed the

Luxury winner, Mercedes-Benz C-Class C350 4Matic, by only four points. The 300S was surprisingly sporty, but so was the C350, which was also super solid in every other parameter.

Mercedes-Benz also won in Prestige (S Class S350 BlueTEC). But many journalists were mesmerized by third-place finisher, Jaguar XKR-S — the fastest and most powerful production sports car ever produced by Jaguar. Too narrowly focused and pricey, to prevail this year, but my goodness she flies and is easy on the eyes.

BMW 1 Series M Coupe had the biggest margin of victory of any category winner this year (16 points).

There were only three entries in the SUV Under \$35 category this year, and all of them came from Chrysler. But Dodge Journey's win over Jeep Wrangler and Jeep Compass is not a shallow one — it achieved a relatively high SUV score (652).

In the SUV \$35-\$60K category, voters were clearly smitten with the styling and capability of the Range Rover Evoque, but the VW Touareg TDI prevailed with better cargo capacity and its super-stellar diesel powertrain.

Over in SUV Over \$60K, BMW X3 beat out its next closest rival, Mercedes-Benz M Class, by only two points.

Two points was the same slim margin of victory for Hyundai Accent over Kia Rio5 in Small Car Under \$21K.

They share a platform so we shouldn't be surprised that if one did well, the other would too.

MICHELLE SIU FOR AUTOMOBILE JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

▶ The BMW 1 Series M Coupe won Best New Sports/Performance Car over \$50,000 in AJAC's TestFest 2012 Canadian Car of the Year Awards last week.



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Sizing was in roughly the same ballpark as the Honda CR-V, Toyota RAV4 and Ford Escape.

The second-generation Sportage's lifespan on our shores ran from model years 2005 to 2009, with a mandatory makeover and refresh part way through.

2005 to '09 Kia Sportage



Engine

Look for a two-litre, 140-horsepower four-cylinder or a 2.7-litre V-6 with 173. Automatic or manual transmissions and front or four-wheel drive were available.



What owners like

Sportage owners enjoy a sturdy ride, compact handling and parking dynamics, confidence on slippery roads and plenty of real-world versatility. Overall interior and exterior styling are also rated highly, as is fuel efficiency with the four-cylinder engine.



What owners dislike

Complaints tend to centre mainly around poor engine performance, bare-bones equipment levels on low-end models, and excessive wind-noise at higher speeds.



Common issues

Ensure the cruise control and air conditioning work properly.

If the engine seems to "sputter" or deliver power in a "lumpy" fashion, the culprit could be a clogged fuel filter or a bad engine control sensor. Note that a mechanic can scan the engine computer for potential engine sensor issues.

Models with the automatic transmission that shift harshly or abruptly could be suffering from a computer-related problem as well.

Verdict

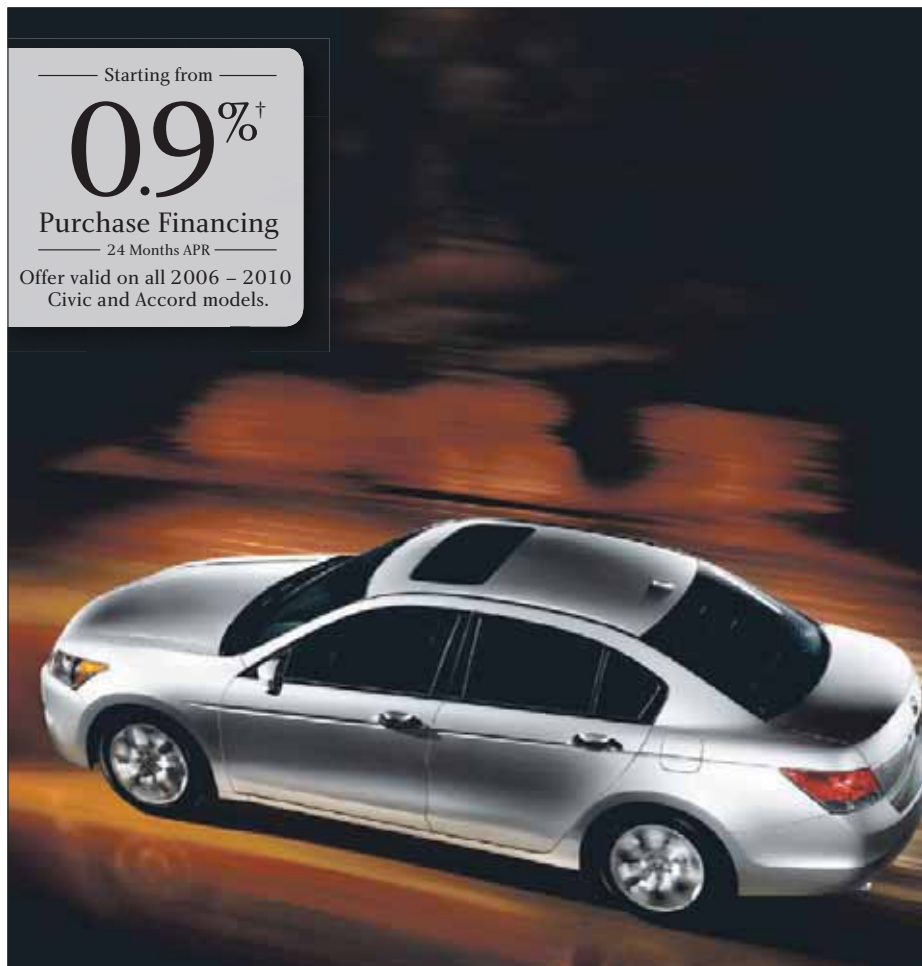
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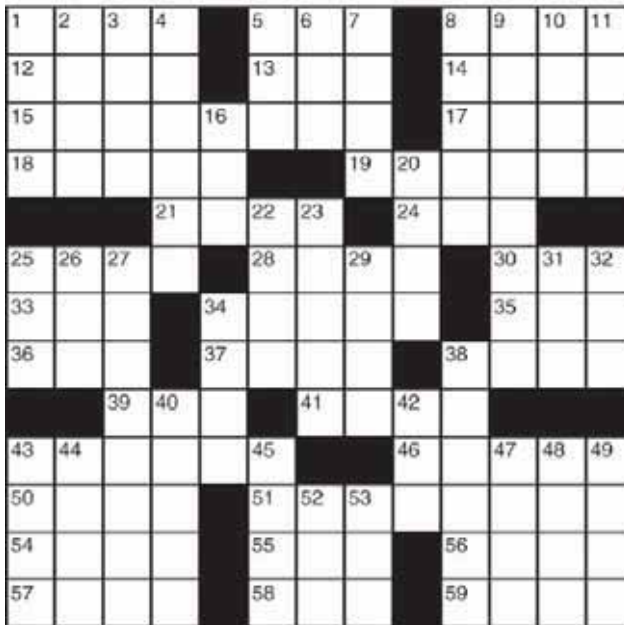
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Crossword

Across

- 1 — and crafts
5 Life story, for short
8 Rim
12 Jump
13 Toss in
14 Caboose's position
15 Excited commotion
17 Muhammad and Laila
18 TV oldie, "Kate & —"
19 Used-car deal, e.g.
21 Small barrel
24 Kitten's call
25 Snatch
28 Places
30 Carte lead-in
33 Tackle moguls
34 Gold measure
35 In medias —
36 Crony
37 Basin accessory
38 Pelican's pride
39 Indivisible
41 Mimic
43 Ivanhoe's love
46 Bra seller's man-nequin



- 4 Repair, as film
5 Scrooge's cry
6 Altar affirmative
7 Smell
8 Obliterate
9 First State
10 Author Sheehy
11 Gaelic
16 Verily
20 Send out
22 Cabbage salad
23 "M*A*S*H" setting
25 Recipe meas.
26 Alias (Abbr.)
27 Electric power unit
29 Complain repeat-

- edly
31 Meadow
32 Request
34 Acute
38 Shop aimlessly
40 Birds' homes
42 Schedule abbr.
43 Freeway access
44 Hodgepodge
45 Venomous vipers
47 Streamlet
48 Icky pond surface
49 Resistance units
52 Exist
53 Big Apple letters

► Yesterday's answer



Down

- 1 Actress Jessica
2 Actual
3 Lofty

Today's horoscope

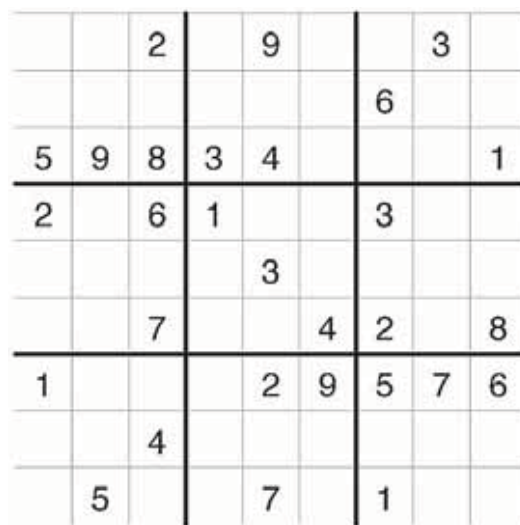
♈ Aries March 21-April 20 You have no fear at the moment and will follow your desires wherever they might lead.
♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Don't give away what should remain yours.
♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Cosmic activity in your opposite sign encourages you to accept that other people's opinions and your opinions differ in legitimate ways.
♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Watch out you don't get carried away with your own brilliance today.
♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23 Today's cosmic developments will do wonders

for your confidence and encourage you to believe that anything is possible.
♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22 You may not be the most emotional member of the zodiac but you will feel deeply for someone today.
♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 There is a danger that in your eagerness to get ahead and get the most from each and every situation you will overlook some small but important detail.
♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 It's not like you to be free and easy with money but you are in one of those moods where you really

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don't care
♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You need a challenge that will bring out the best in you
♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 There is no limit to what you can accomplish now
♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 What happens over the next two or three days will open your eyes to new possibilities
♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 You must play by the rules today, even if you know you can get away with cutting corners.
● SALLY BROMPTON

Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ►



A look at the weather

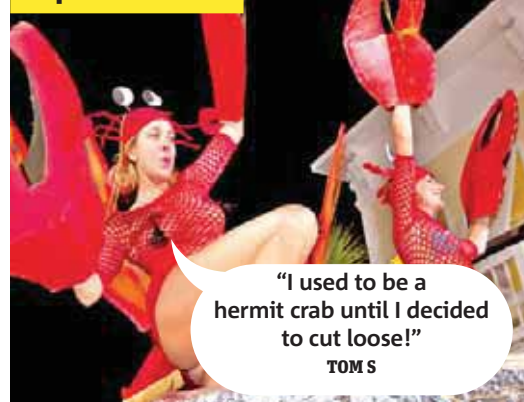
TODAY Min -2° Max 9°
THURSDAY Min -3° Max 7°
FRIDAY Min -7° Max 2°

Andrew Schultz, Meteorologist

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